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Centre rejects separate religion tag for Lingayats

- Decision communicated to Karnataka Government on Nov.13
- NDA Govt. follows UPA's footsteps in rejecting demand

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (KMS& BCT)- The BJP-led NDA government at the Centre has rejected the demand of Lingayats for separate religion status.

The Centre's rejection was conveyed to the Karnataka High Court this morning by Union Government's Additional Solicitor General Prabhuling Navadagi. The Additional Solicitor General told the Court that the Centre had rejected the demand for separate Lingayat religion and a communication to this effect was sent to the State Government on Nov. 13 itself.

"The Centre has reiterated that Lingayat religion was part of Hinduism and even the UPA government had refused separate religion tag to Veerashaiva-Lingayat in 2013," Prabhuling Navadagi told the Court.

The UPA government had said such a tag would disadvantage people belonging to Scheduled Castes who follow the Veerashaiva-Lingayat *dharma*, he told the Court.

Seers seen at a three-day National Lingayat Conference that began at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi this morning under the leadership of Maate Mahadevi. [Pic. by M.M. Joshi]

"If Veerashaiva-Lingayat is treated as a separate religion by providing separate code/ column, all Scheduled Castes professing the Veerashaiva-Lingayat sect will lose their Constitutional status, since SCs can be only from Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh, along with their sects," Prabhuling Navadagi told the Court, explaining the NDA's and the previous UPA's stand.

The High Court, hearing a batch of Public Interest Litigations challenging the constitution of a panel by the Karnataka State Minorities Commission to look into the demand of Lingayats, had sought Additional Solicitor General's opinion. Now the High Court has disposed of all the petitions.

The State Cabinet had on March 19 decided to recommend to the Centre to grant religious minority tag for the Lingayat and Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. The decision was based on the report of an expert committee that had recommended considering grant of recognition as religious minority.

Subsequently, the Karnataka Minorities Welfare Department notified the Lingayats and Veerashaiva Lingayats as a religious minority, but said it would come into effect only after the Centre's approval to the State's recommendation.

MEET IN NEW DELHI

Meanwhile, a three-day National Lingayat Conference began at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi this morning under the leadership of Maate Mahadevi where it was reiterated that Lingayat was a separate religion and was different from Veerashaivism.

Leaders who led the conference later submitted a memorandum to Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities urging him to recommend to Centre to accord separate religion status to Lingayats.

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Hinkal flyover inauguration on Dec.16: MP

Mysuru, Dec.10 (RK&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has said that the Hinkal Flyover will be inaugurated on Dec.16.

Pratap Simha

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Pratap Simha said that the flyover was earlier expected to be open for public by Dasara but was delayed due to several factors. But the inauguration will now take place on Dec.16, with both the District Minister G.T. Devegowda and himself available on that date, he said.

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Constraints Compelling Change

In the poem *'Idylls of the King,'* poet Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892) wrote *"The old order changeth, yielding place to new. And God fulfils himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world."* The subject of this column namely, the time-honoured custom of practising the *last rites* of the departed people in many ways by those following different faiths both in India and the rest of the world merits discussion dispassionately, taking care not to betray any prejudice or favour towards any particular faith in word and thought. Two widely followed practices of last rites, *(a)* Burial and *(b)* Burning, having stood the test of time dating back to pre-historic periods are currently figuring in the columns of dailies in the form of philosophical *articles* by some cognoscenti and also *news* with facts and figures relevant to the two customs of dealing with the dead as it were, read, dealing with mortal remains of departed near and dear ones.

While the last rites of those who are extraordinary members of society in myriad ways, that is common knowledge, are performed with State honours at cost met from sources of public fund, the last rites of the rest are marked by *customs* followed by successive generations of surviving kins or well-wishers involving both expense and effort which don't need elaboration.

The figures of fuel consumed for burning the mortal remains of the dead and space for burying as being currently practiced all over the country during the 12 months of the year bring us to the point of pondering over the resulting constraints of both fuel (firewood) and space (burial ground). While gas-fired and electricity-based crematoria, established in some cities of the country have been accepted by some sections of the population following different faiths, the benefit of change is only marginal. The other practice of last rites, namely burying, with no clue of any solution other than providing more land space for the dead compels change in the old order, conforming to Tennyson's aforementioned poetic line.

Two news items published recently in a widely circulated daily, with data, citing official sources, on existing land area for burial and additional area needed in days ahead support favouring the use of the same land for multiple burials as a pragmatic change compelled by constraints. The clergy of different faiths can play a stellar role in bringing about this change.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BE CAUTIOUS: ***It is quite common for a new entrant to dole out discounts and freebies while launching its services in order to get a foothold in the market. Companies with deep pockets can continue with their predatory pricing for a long period of time, causing disruption in the business environment. To an extent, the current distress among telecom giants Airtel and Vodafone-Idea can be traced to the disruptive pricing offered by Jio. Nothing comes for free in the world and seemingly free lunches have hidden prices that are unleashed once competition is finished. Regulators must ensure that any disruption caused in the market is short-lived, as large-scale disruption has the capacity to eliminate competition, thereby harming the consumers in the long run.*** — *Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Jabalpur, in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mare conquers Net with her blonde mane!

Amsterdam: An eight-year-old Haflinger mare from the Netherlands named Atorm, has become a star on social media networks because of her georgeous blond mane.

24-year-old student and entrepreneur Naomi Beckers bought Storm two years ago after falling in love with her incredible hair, which closely resembles her own blonde, curly locks. The gorgeous mare has not had her hair cut since she was only two-years-old, and she already had a decent number of social media fans. Storm's Instagram now has nearly 35,000 followers, making her one of the most popular horses on the photo-sharing social network.

Haflinger horses are renowned for their long, beautiful hair, but Storm's is longer than most. When she was about three years old she already had wavy locks that passed her shoulder. Storm's hair has kept growing over the last six years and today it measures over one meter in length, earning the nickname "Rapunzel", after the famous children's story character.

The levitating stone of Shivapur

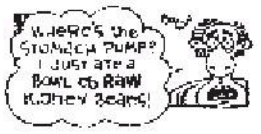
Shivapur: Hundreds of tourists and devotees throng a shrine in Shivapur, a small village about 180 km east of Mumbai to witness a 'miracle' known as the Levitating Stone of Shivapur.

The Shrine of Qamar Ali Darvesh, a Muslim Sufi Saint who lived about 700 years ago, features an ancient stone that reportedly weighs 90 kg. Lifting this stone off the ground would normally require a lot of strength, but according to believers, it's possible for men to lift it up over their heads with their index fingers.

Devotees say that the task can only be performed by 11 men, and only after shouting Qamar Ali's name in unison. Because the Sufi Saint was a celibate and in deference to his chastity, women are not allowed to perform this feat or even touch the stone.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How can I eat beans without risk of being poisoned?



Whatever you do, don't eat beans raw. To consume beans safely, soak them in water for at least 5 hours. Pour away the water. Bring to a rolling boil in fresh water for at least 10 minutes. Don't under-cook beans that can make them more dangerous than raw beans.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Free cataract screening camp held at MRC Eye Hospital

Mysuru, Dec.10 (KS) - Rotary Mysore along with Mysore Race Club (MRC) Charitable Eye Hospital conducted a free cataract eye screening camp at the hospital premises in city recently.

About 200 patients were screened and operated. **On the occasion, Rotary Mysore Member Rtn. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co., donated Rs.1 lakh in memory of his uncle Dr. Neelakantan.**

Rotary Mysore President Rtn. G.S. Sumeeth, Rtn. PDG R. Guru, Rtn. Abbas Vagh, Rtn. Ananthraj Urs, Rtn. Amir Vagh, Community Service Director Rtn. Goutham Salecha, Rtn. Dinesh Babu, Rtn. Ajay Singh, Club Service Director Rtn. Suchendra and Chairman of MRC Eye Hospital Kusumakar Shetty were present at the camp.

FPAIndia holds awareness on HIV/AIDS

Mysuru, Dec.10- Family Planning Association of India (FPAIndia), Mysuru branch, observed World AIDS Day-2018 in collaboration with DAPCO (District AIDS Prevention and Control Officer), IMA Mysuru, Ashodaya Network, Ananda Jyothi Positive Network, SVYM (Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement) and Ashakirana, at Farooqia College of Pharmacy, Tilak Nagar recently.

The programme started off with a rally followed by a Street Play and a Dandiya Dance showing the consequences of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection and the need to prevent AIDS (Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome).

A lecture was delivered by Shaheen Taj, Counsellor of FPAIndia, on HIV/AIDS and its transmission and symptoms to the employees of Shahi Exports Private Limited at its premises in Koorgalli.

She explained how the disease is transmitted through multiple sex partners. There is no medicine for AIDS which is life-threatening. Therefore, prevent it from getting it, she said.

Three separate sessions were held covering about 2,100 workers who attended talk. She also spoke about safe relationship to avoid STI transmission (Sexually Transmitted Infections), to adopt Family Planning methods, to involve male for permanent method of male sterilisation etc. Kotresh, Senior Executive-HR of Shahi Exports, presided over the programme.

Really...?

- ***The "Tetris effect" occurs when people spend so much time and attention on an activity that their thoughts, dreams, and mental images become full of it.***
- ***The "Pygmalion effect" is a psychological phenomenon in which a person's performance depends on what others expect of them. The higher the expectations, the more they try to perform better.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Online voting in Urban Local Body elections: A good proposal

Sir,

Just a few days back I read in one of the local newspapers that Gujarat experimented online voting in local body elections held during the year 2015 and it proved to be a tremendous success. There was an overwhelming response from the public.

The process is very simple. At first we have to download the online e-voting app released by the Election Commission and register our name, phone number etc. Once the app is installed, on the day of election we will get OTP (one time password) to our registered telephone number. Once we enter that number online through the app, the ballot paper will appear on the computer monitor and immediately we can cast our vote.

Of course, people possessing personal computer or laptop can avail online voting facility because only personal computers or laptops have their own unique identification number and identity. So in case of misuse it is easy to identify the culprits immediately.

Online voting is possible using smart phone also. In fact the Election Commission is contemplating on this proposal. This in turn would definitely save lot of paper work, labour cost, transportation cost and a lot of money to the exchequer.

Even most people in villages, vegetable, flower and fruit vendors are also aware of using smart phone nowadays. Hence, I request the authorities concerned to view this matter seriously and implement online voting at least from the next local body elections.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
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DMS and SJCE to host Global Alumni get-together

Mysuru, Dec. 10 - The 10th Global DMS Alumni get-together will be held at *Hotel Roost*, Hunsur Road, on Dec. 15 from 6 pm. Spot registration available.

The annual meeting of the Association along with fun and games will be held at the school premises from 10 am on Dec. 16 (Sunday), followed by a cricket match post-lunch. For details contact Mob: 9845279513 or 9448128199 or visit: *https://www.facebook.com/events/289181138601755/*

SJCE Alumni Meet

The Global Alumni Meet of the Alumni Association of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) will be held on Dec.22 at the college premises. Alumni from all over the globe are participating.

Various programmes like awarding Distinguished Alumnus Award, SJCE Alumni Scholarship Awards, Best Project Awards, Release of SJCE Alumni Newsletter and cultural events are organised. For registration, visit: *www.sjcealumni.org* or contact Dr. B.S Harish, Coordinator, SJCE Alumni Association on: *fromsjcealumni@gmail.com* or Mob: 9886779078.

CFTRI to take up pilot study on Nutri Breakfast in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (UNI)- City-based top food technology institute Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) has been preparing to take up a pilot study on Nutri Breakfast even as the Central government has proposed to launch for school children on the lines of mid-day meals in the country.

CFTRI scientists, who worked on these foods, said that the products identified for the breakfast programme conform to regional tastes. The Institute's Traditional Foods and Sensory Science Department has identified 50 'ready-to-cook' and 'ready-to-eat' products with nutritional value.

In South India, the study will be carried out in five government schools in Mysuru district. It will also be undertaken in Maharashtra (West), Odisha (East), Haryana (North) and Manipur (North-East). The Institute plans to submit a report to the government by next year.

FIELD TRIALS

K. Venkatesh Murthy, Chief Scientist and Head, Department of Traditional Foods and Sensory Science, CFTRI, said that the products will be given to school children for about a month. "Based on the acceptance of these foods, recommendations will be made to the government for further measures. Understanding the foods liked in those regions, we have developed the foods for the field trials," he added.

"The proposal is similar to midday meals. Likewise, there are plans to launch breakfast for the children to address nutritional issues," he said. Recently, CFTRI had developed five nutritional food products for Anganawadis in Mysuru to address nutritional deficiencies among pre-school children.

Rice mix, high-protein rusk, energy food, nutri-chikki with Spirulina, nutri-sprinkle, sesame paste and fortified mango bars were the products. According to scientists, the green colour helps in retaining its rich nutritional content. Amla (Indian gooseberries) is reckoned to be a powerful anti-oxidant.

Murthy said amla is a rich source of Vitamin C and largely used in the preparation of Ayurvedic drugs. The powder has a shelf life of six months and does not lose its colour even after six months unlike the dried powder available in the market, he explained.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bhagavad Gita, Upanishad Classes

Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama will be in Mysuru from Dec.11 to 15. During his stay, he will be giving a discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' at Sadvidya School on Narayana Shastri Road at 6.30 pm from Dec.11 and on 'Upanishad' at Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prathana Mandira in V.V. Puram at 7 am.

Awareness Talk

A talk on 'Awareness through Gnana Yoga, Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Raja Yoga' by Divyapaadaji has been organised at the Art of Living Ashram on Lalitadripura Road in city on Dec.16 from 11 am to 12 noon.

Vocational courses

Sri Talacauvery Women's Educational Trust, 7th Main, 'H' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, has invited applications from unemployed women candidates for admission to vocational courses such as Beautician, Fashion Designing, Embroidery etc. The last date for registration is Dec.13. For details call Mob: 98450-87396.

Co-op. diploma

The Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management, Sahakara Bhavana, Chamaraja Double Road in city, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to six-month Diploma in Co-operative Management Course through Distance Learning. Admission is open for employees of Co-operative Societies and Institutions of the State. The last date for applying is Dec.31. For details, call Ph: 0821-2520563 or Mob: 91415-74147.

Matrimonial meet

The matrimonial meet of prospective brides and grooms of Namdhari Gowda Community will take place at Saptapadi Kalyana Mantap Road, 1st Main, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on Jan.6, 2019 (Sunday). The Namdhari Gowda Sangha has opened a Matrimonial Centre for the community at its premises located at No.12-H, Gangothri Layout, 2nd Stage, Saraswathipuram. [Mob: 94482-55195, 99164-83831]

Mass marriage

As part of the week-long Suttur Jatra to take place from Feb.1 to 6, 2019 at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk, the JSS Mahavidyapeetha will be organising a mass marriage at Suttur on Feb.2 (Saturday). The interested prospective brides and grooms can register along with necessary documents before Jan. 15. For details contact Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 94486-74702, according to a press release.

No Parking rule does not apply to this Tiger !

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (SBD&BCT)- Policemen who break the law, just like the rest of us, should face consequences for their actions. They are not above the law and are held to a higher standard in upholding the law. And that's why it becomes news when Policemen break the law like this one where a towing vehicle (Tiger) is spotted parked next to a 'No Parking' signboard.

These Tigers spread terror on the city roads towing away two-wheelers and four-wheelers that are parked in No Parking Zones and even if a vehicle user parks his vehicle in such a place for a moment or two, these Tigers lurk from the corners and the "rule enforcers" take away the vehicle in the blink of an eye. The violator then has to go to the jurisdictional Police Station and cough up a fine to get the vehicle released.

The photograph of this particular Tiger parked bang in front of Devaraja Traffic Police has been clicked on Dec. 8 evening by a youth and he has uploaded the same in social media where netizens have commented that law does not apply to Tigers.

One of the netizens has commented thus: "More than the Tiger deep in jungles, we fear Tigers that roam around streets of Mysuru, taking away vehicles in a jiffy. Is there any law to control these Tigers who often violate rules? What action does the Police Top Brass take against these violators?"

Policemen receive extensive training to earn the right to wear the uniforms, arms and other fatigues and they face unique pressures and navigate risky situations every day. Also, they are asked to put their lives on the line to keep people safe. "But this does not give them an excuse to violate law when the common man is heavily penalised for even a small parking violation. If no action is taken against violations by men in uniform, then the Police will lose the moral right to question other violators," a resident said.

Fire destroys sugarcane crops across Mandya district

Mandya, Dec.10- Fire has destroyed standing sugarcane crops grown in a total of 7 acres land at different places in Mandya District on Sunday.

In the first incident, sugarcane crop grown in 2-acre area near Pandavapura Railway Station was gutted in a fire that broke out on Sunday morning.

The land belonged to one Marigowda of Kennalu and the loss is estimated at Rs. 4 lakh.

More than 20 workers were engaged in cane cutting, when fire suddenly broke out and engulfed the entire field. However, the labourers fled the field soon after seeing the fire. Although Fire Tenders doused the fire, the sugarcane crop had completely burnt down by then, it is learnt.

Pandavapura Tahsildar M.V. Roopa visited the spot.

In another incident, sugarcane crop grown in one acre area was burnt down when fire broke out in a farmland at Hirikalale in K.R. Pet taluk on Sunday afternoon.

The fire which reportedly broke out due to a short circuit in the power transmission line that ran over the field, destroyed fully grown crop cultivated by one Rajamma of the village. The loss is estimated at around Rs. 2 lakh.

In yet another incident, sugarcane crop grown in 4 acres of land and ready for harvesting at Mallayyanadoddibore village in Mandya Taluk was burnt to ashes in a fire that broke out yesterday afternoon. The land belonged to one B.C. Suresh of Hale Boodanru village. Fire Tenders from Mandya rushed to the spot and doused the fire, but by then the crop was reduced to ashes.

Silence is Golden But I Hear You !

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Museum in Manasagangothri campus: VC

Mysuru, Dec.10 (RKB-SR)- University of Mysore Vice- Chancellor Prof .G. Hemantha Kumar said that the State Government has sanctioned funds to set up Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Museum in the premises of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre at Manasagangothri Campus in city.

He was speaking after inaugurating the photography exhibition on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and special lecture programme organised as part of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Parinirvan Diwas at Dr B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre on Hunsur Road in city on Dec.6.

The University of Mysore has made all necessary preparations to establish the museum to spread the message on the life, struggle and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. A blue print has been prepared in this regard. The State Government had released Rs. 1 crore to set up the same and works will be taken up very soon, he said.

Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof .G. Hemantha Kumar, Coordinator of the Research Centre S. Narendrakumar and others are seen at the inauguration of photography, documentary exhibition on Dr B.R. Ambedkar and special lecture programme organised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Parinirvan Diwas by Dr B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre on Hunsur Road in city recently

Prof. Hemantha Kumar also said that the establishment of this museum would also help the research scholars to study about the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to the society and the country.

Writer and Progressive Thinker, Mangaluru Vijaya also spoke. Co-ordinator of the Research Centre S. Narendrakumar presided. Headmaster of Paduvarahalli Government High School T.J. Anand, Goutham Foundation's Shivalingaiah and others were present.

Earlier, the exhibition of rare photographs on the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar attracted large number of visitors.

Rare photos of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's visit to Birla House after the death of Mahatma Gandhi, installation of Buddha idol at Buddha Vihar on Dehu Road in Pune in 1954, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's participation at the discussion on Poona Pact in front of Yerwada Central Jail in Pune, fortnightly Newspapers like 'Mooknayak' and 'Bahishkrut Bharat ' brought out by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, hand writings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, other rare photographs were on display.

Goutham Foundation's Shivalingaiah had provided several rare photographs of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Musician Dr. K. Vageesh conferred 'Sangeetha Sevanidhi' award

Senior Musician Dr. Vageesh being conferred 'Sangeetha Sevanidhi' award, instituted by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust at the Valedictory of the 25th Sangeetha Sammelana organised at JSS Womens College in Saraswathipuram here on Dec. 6. Suttur Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji, art patron K.V. Murthy and others are seen.

Mysuru, Dec.10 (SBD&DM)- Senior Musician Dr. Vageesh was conferred 'Sangeetha Sevanidhi' award, instituted by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust at the valedictory of the 25th Sangeetha Sammelana organised at JSS Womens' College in Saraswathipuram here on Dec. 6.

Speaking on the occasion, Sangeetha Vidyanidhi S. Shankar said that more musicians should take part in such Sangeetha Sammelanas.

Stressing on the need for understanding the importance of music, literature and culture, he highlighted the need for carrying forward our rich music for future generations as well.

Observing that achieving success in music is not easy, he said that Gurukula System of Education was best suited for learning music.

Underlining the need for reading books on music legends and greats, Shankar opined that the economic status of musicians was much better these days when compared to decades ago.

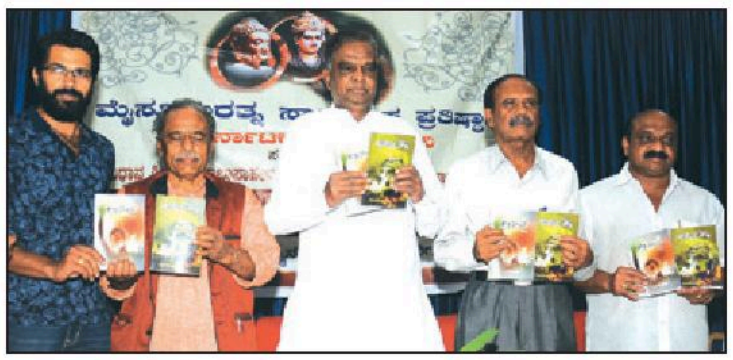
Bemoaning that with passage of time, music seems to be losing its way, he emphasised on the need for musicians to practice yoga and spirituality in order to gain mastery over the art.

Asserting that concentration and dedication was very vital for gaining mastery in music, he lauded the contribution of Vidwan Vageesh, who has won many other awards such as Karnataka Kalashri, Sangeetha Saraswathi, Naada Vidya Bhoopathi and Gayaka Ratna among others.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. Sangeetha Sevanidhi K.V. Murthy and others were present.

Vipanchi-Mahanti presented a dual music concert and musicians Prithvi Bhaskar and Pavan Madhav Masur gave a performance.

Sreenivasa Prasad rues political class craze for Homa-Havanas



Mysuru, Dec.10 (SBD&DM)- Regretting that people representatives, instead of serving the people, were busily engaged in performing *homa-havanas,* senior BJP leader and former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad said that he was deeply pained by such attitude of politicians.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar on "Constitutional Aspirations and India", organised by Mysore Ratna Samskruthika Prathishtana in association with Karnataka Vikasa Vahini, as part of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Mahaparinirvana Divas at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here recently.

Bemoaning that caste system is being very widely encouraged ever today, Prasad observed that our society was going mad about the caste system.

Recalling that 12th century social reformer Basavanna has propagated that *'Kayakave Kailasa'* (Work is Worship), he said that the political class was now working exactly in the opposite direction.

Stating that Buddha, Basavanna and Dr. Ambedkar had propagated humanity, he said that the three were *'Ratnas'* who are a model to the entire world.

Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often said that our Constitution is the best in the world, Prasad emphasized on the need for following the Constitution scripted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in order to further strengthen our democratic setup.

Writer P.M. Manoj's work titled *'Kasanova'* and senior writer Poorigali Maradeshamurthy's work titled *'Sakshigudda'* were released on the occasion.

Also, activist Dr. Yamadur Siddaraju, farmer leader M.S. Rajendra, APMC Vice-President Chikka Javarappa, Betel farmer activist Kumar and Adivasi leader Hemmige Harsha were conferred *'Kayaka'* award on the occasion.

Retired Principal Prof. H.R. Siddegowda, DEED'S S. Srikanth, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar, K.M. Nagaraj and others were present.

Dattagalli residents beautify Road

Plant Sampige saplings; install stone benches on the stretch

Mysuru, Dec. 10 - Good ideas can be implemented with true will and downright involvement. This thought brought together a group of like-minded residents of 'G' Block, 10th Main Road, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, who have beautified the surrounding area.

Residents, feeling the need of more greenery in the locality, planted more than 20 Sampige saplings and also installed fences around them to prevent cows and goats eating them away. Next, they constructed "Thampu Katte" (stone bench) next to each tree. This way, the entire half-kilometre road is covered with trees and stone benches.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on their initiative, **Dr. T. Shreekanth** and **Purushotham,** residents of the area said that the trees and benches provide a much-needed break from the monotony of the road.

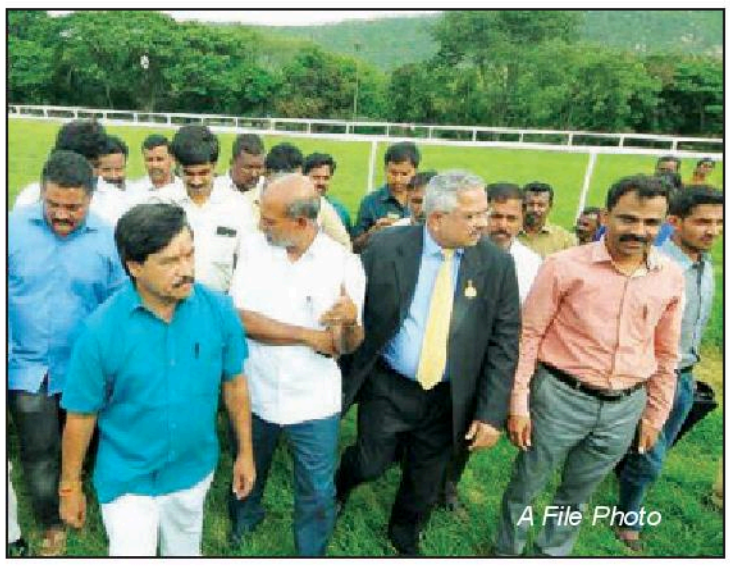
"The road was wide enough and was clean. We thought of giving it more utility so that walkers can sit on these benches and spend some quality time and relax in the evenings and also mornings," they said.

"These trees and benches have indeed enabled friendly meetings of all age groups thereby rooting strong harmony amidst all of us. This was possible due to the contribution by the area residents physically, morally and monetarily to have a clean and a green neighbourhood," Dr. Shreekanth said.

The main intention of planting Sampige trees is to get that fragrant flower scent as soon as one enters this particular road. "After the implementation of our ideas along with tremendous self-satisfaction, we have received encouraging messages from many residents about how even they would like to transform and beautify their area like what we have done," he added.

A group photo of the residents with Dr. T. Shreekanth and Purushotham.

Committed to shift Race Course: Minister Mahesh



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Mysuru, Dec. 10 (MTY&BCT)- Minister for Tourism and Sericulture S.R. Mahesh has reiterated that he was committed to shift the Mysore Race Course (MRC) beyond 25 kilometres from the city limits and once shifted, the MRC land will be handed over to the Zoo Authority of Karnataka for the expansion of Mysuru Zoo. "I am committed to shift the MRC and there is no going back on the issue," he said.

The Minister was speaking to reporters at Karanji Lake yesterday where he had come to inspect the Lake and initiate development works. "Soon after the Belagavi Winter Session, a discussion will be held between the government and the MRC authorities and a final decision will be taken," he said.

The State government will not renew the licence and the MRC property will be taken over by the Government where a Botanical Garden and a Bird Park will come up. We will not allow racing activities within the city limits and instead utilise the space to promote Mysuru as a tourist hub.

The 139 acres of land was leased to the MRC by the Public Works Department (PWD) in 1976.

He said that many illegal structures such as temporary shelters were built inside the Race Course for horse caretakers violating the land lease terms. "As per Court directive, the MRC should hold races with around 90 horses and added that the MRC was using the land for stables for 600 horses. There were about 1,800 people including horse caretakers staying in the MRC premises and temporary illegal sheds have been built for them. Most of the caretakers were from North India," he added.

The 139-acre Race Course is lush green and the stables and temporary structures were a blot. "We cannot let this happen and let the Race Course go beyond the city limits as vast land is available there. All these days we were busy in Kodagu flood rehabilitation works. The issue will be taken up soon after the Belagavi Session," he added.

Ex-Mayor Bhyrappa slams MLA Ramdas for claiming false publicity

B.L. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, Dec.10(MTY&SR)- Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa has criticised MLA S.A. Ramdas for claiming false publicity for the projects initiated by the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at J.P. Nagar in city.

Addressing media persons in city on Saturday, he accused that Ramdas was misleading the public by stating that he got funds sanctioned for various development works he had inaugurated in the area recently.

The MLA was performing *guddali puja* to the works which was approved during the previous Congress government.

He said that J.P. Nagar never witnessed any major development works in the last 30 years. Vexed Sewage Farm problems still remained unsolved and haunting the residents. Ramdas who has been representing the constituency never made any efforts to solve this problem.

"MLA Ramdas should stop telling lies to people and claim false publicity," Bhyrappa said. Former Corporator Umarani and others were present.

Kaveri Grameena Bank Employees to stage stir tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.10- Seeking fulfillment of their various demands, Kaveri Grameena Bank (KGB) employees under the joint banner of Regional Rural Banks Employees Association (RRBEA) and Grameena Banks Employees Federation (GBEF) will stage a stir in front of the Bank's head office at Vijayanagar II Stage in the city at 10 am tomorrow (Dec. 11), according to a release.

The demands include regularisation of daily wage/outsourced employees and abolition of contract system, increment to Grameena Bank employees as per the 1993 agreement, payment of revised pay, promotions on the model of Commercial Banks and dropping of moves to privatise rural banks, among others.

Salumarada Thimmakka and Lingambudhi Parks inaugurated

Salumarada Thimmakka

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (RKB&US)- Salumarada Thimmakka Park at Malalavadikere in Jayanagar was inaugurated by District In-charge Minister G.T. Devegowda and Lingambudhi Park in Ramakrishnanagar was inaugurated by MP Pratap Simha yesterday morning. The 'Salumarada Thimmakka Park' is located at Ward Number 15, Ramakrishnanagar G and H Block.

Both the parks maintained by the Forest Department have good walking path, playing equipment for kids, plenty of greenery with fruit-yielding plants, relaxing benches, drinking water facility and toilets.

G.T. Devegowda lauded the effort of Thimmakka in afforestation. On the occasion, he felicitated about 20 employees of the Forest Department.

Salumarada Thimmakka is noted for planting and tending to 384 banyan trees on a 4-kilometre stretch of National Highway between Hulikal and Kudur. A US environmental organisation, based in Los Angeles and Oakland, California, called 'Thimmakka's Resources for Environmental Education,' is named after her. Thimmakka has planted thousands of trees and nurtured them for future generations and because of her selfless sacrifice, many of us are breathing some pure air.

Spread across 87.54 hectares, the Salumarada Thimmakka Park was developed at a cost of Rs. 1.74 crore by the Forest Department, of which the Central government provided Rs. 1.39 crore, and the remaining was funded by the State government.

Over 50 Ashoka trees have been planted around the park and there are 40 Parijaata plants (Indian Coral Jasmine, a truly Indian origin tree in which the flowers are nocturnal). Different types of greens including honagone soppu are also grown here.

In keeping with modern lung spaces, the Park has been provided with benches, walking paths, lavatories and an open-air gym in order to attract people cutting across ages. In what is likely to delight environmentalists, the Forest Department has planted a whopping 422 varieties of fruit-bearing plants, and 25 rare saplings such as Rudrakshi and ebony.

The Forest Department is now working on transforming a 33 acre-plot near Malalawadi Lake with funds provided by the State government. The Park, for which the government has allocated Rs. 61 lakh, will be developed along the lines of Saalumarada Thimmakka Park.

A lady at the function complained to Minister G.T. Devegowda that the toilet at Lingambudhi Park was stinking with no water. Devegowda instructed the officials concerned to ensure continuous water supply to the toilet.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, DCFs Dr. K.T. Hanumanthappa and Siddramappa Chalkapure, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, CCF Venkatesan, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, Corporators M.S. Shobha, Sharathkumar and others were present.

Works to extend Mysore Airport runway from January 2019: MP

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Dec. 10- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has said that the works to extend Mysore Airport runway would commence in January 2019. He was speaking after inaugurating the Lingambudhi Park yesterday.

"The process to acquire 300 acres of land near Mandakalli on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road is on and the works will commence soon after the acquisition. The runway would be extended to 2.7 km from the existing 1.7 km, he said. With the expansion, big aircraft can operate from Mysuru to Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi and other parts. The Union government has sanctioned Rs. 700 crore for this," he said.

He pointed out that the length of the present Mysore Airport runway acted as a limiting factor against its use by larger aircraft. There is demand for operating flights to other cities. Owing to its short length, only small aircraft can be operated on the existing runway, he said.

File photo of Mysore Airport

The project was delayed since the airport is next to the Railway Station and a National Highway. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has received security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), and the State government has initiated the process to acquire land," said MP Simha.

Pratap Simha opined that the expansion of the airport would turn Mysuru into the second capital of Karnataka. "The proposed Railway projects aiming to improve connectivity between Mysuru, Mandya and the rest of the country would give the tourism industry in the region a huge boost, he said. These development projects will draw more tourists to Mysuru and attract investment by industries.

During his speech, Pratap Simha said that Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda had taken keen interest in the development works, especially the Railways and the Airport expansion work. "It is due to his intervention, the land acquisition process has become smooth," the MP said.

"The much needed construction of the Second Satellite Railway Terminal for Mysuru at Naganahalli village has become a smooth process. The project requires a minimum of 370 to 400 acres of land and G.T. Devegowda was instrumental in convincing the villagers to hand over land for the project," Simha said.

The work on widening the Bengaluru-Mysuru National Highway will start on Jan. 8 and the project will be completed by 2020. The process of land acquisition has been completed and the government has released Rs. 7,000 crore for the project. The Union government has provided Rs. 1.44 lakh crore for development of roads, he added.

'MCC ignores opinions of public sent by Traffic Police'

Traffic Inspector Ravi at MGP monthly meeting; Calls upon people to follow road rules

Mysuru, Dec.10 (SPN&NNN)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials put up road humps (speed breakers) and dividers without bothering to discuss with the Traffic Police Department. Also, they completely ignore the opinions of the people which the Police Department collects and send to the MCC, said VV Puram Traffic Police Inspector C.V. Ravi.

He was replying to a question from one of the Members of the Mysuru Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at the monthly interaction meeting with the Traffic Police, held at its office in Yadavagiri, here yesterday and said that in Mysuru 50 traffic signal lights have been installed in various places with CCTV cameras out of which two cameras are not working and will be repaired at the earliest.

The traffic control in the city is not up to the mark. The footpaths in the heart of the city like Sayyaji Rao Road, Ashoka Road, Chamaraja Double Road, RTO Circle, Gandhi Square, Dhanvantri Road, Devaraj Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road, Agrahara Circle have all been occupied by footpath vendors and the vehicles are parked in a haphazard manner. Another major violation is signal jumping; besides a few other questions on traffic were discussed at the meeting.

Due to unscientific road humps, the number of accidents is going up. The Traffic Police are not manning some of the sensitive traffic spots, were the allegations of the public that the members brought to the notice of the Traffic Police for which Ravi replied that his department was making all efforts to solve the problems the public face every day.

However, he pointed out that if the traffic flow has to be smooth even the public should cooperate. Including those riding without helmets, the traffic violations on a daily basis crosses more than a thousand, he said.

Besides there are lakhs of people who manage to escape the eye of the Police by not paying fines, despite committing various traffic offences, he said bringing this issue to the notice of the members.

In Mysuru Suburban Bus Stand, there is no place for the passengers or those who come and drop their friends or relatives for parking their vehicles. On one side, the taxi operators have occupied the place. The autorickshaw menace has gone up in this area and as a result it is very difficult for the public to drive their vehicles towards the bus stand. In spite of such problems, the Traffic Police appear least bothered, said a member for which Ravi said that this issue will be brought to the notice of the higher ups.

A MGP member reminded about how the public money is being spent unnecessarily on a circle that is coming up near Bake Point on Vishwamanava Double Road in the name of development. He also said how very unscientific it was, as it could cause problems for motorists to take a turn, Ravi openly said that the letters written from his department to the MCC is completely ignored.

Another member raised a question, whether the number of roadside eateries is going up in areas where there is large concentration of people or if the Police are allowing such eateries to flourish as there are charges that there is a nexus between them and the roadside vendors were true and they (Police) were collecting *mamuls*. He also said, because of the footpaths being encroached it was difficult for the senior citizens, women and children to walk on them, he said expressing his anguish.

Ravi replying to this question, outright rejected the charge that the Police were involved in collecting any *mamuls*. If still people had any doubts they could approach the department along with documentary evidence and file a complaint. He also said that it was not right to hurl unnecessary allegations and dismissed all such charges against the Police Department.

MGP Working President Prof. S. Sobana, Bhamy V. Shenoy, Usha Narang, P.M. Bhat, Deep Kumaraswamy, Usha Raj, B.S. Somashekar, K.R. Joshi, Chandraprakash, Gangaprasad, H. L. Yamuna, M. Janaki Raman, Arun Kumar, H. G. Narayan, J. S. Rajagopal, Dr. C. G. Narasimhan and others were present.

MGP members' suggestions

- Stringent action against those who violate traffic rules
- Posting of Home Guards at important traffic junctions not correct
- To stop footpath vendors occupying footpaths in heart of city
- To put a halt to autorickshaw drivers' high handedness at Suburban Bus Stand and City Railway Station
- Give importance to complaints of public against traffic violators
- Find solutions for parking problems caused to residents where software companies are coming up.

Guddali Puja for construction of Library at Telecom Layout

Mysuru, Dec.10(RKB&SR)- Mysuru City Corporation(MCC) Ward number 44 Corporator Savitha Suresh performed Guddali Puja for the construction of a library at the cost of Rs. 17.50 lakh at Telecom Layout, Bogadi second phase in city yesterday.

She said that the MCC is constructing libraries in areas with more population for the benefit of the residents and added that the library building would be constructed soon.

Telecom Layout Residents Welfare Association President Suresh, Secretary Basavarajappa, Directors Puttahalaiah, M.B. Nagaraj, Krishnegowda, Ravishankar, S. Dharanikumar, Prabhakar Sukumaran, Govindegowda, MCC Zone - 3 Development Officer Gangadhar, Assistant Director of Information and Publicity Department R. Raju and others were present.

Dr. Rajendra Swamiji Punyaradhane Programme on Dec.12

Mysuru, Dec.10 - The 33rd Punyaradhane (Commemoration Programme) of late Suttur Mutt Seer Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji will take place at Suttur in Nanjangud Taluk on the morning of Dec.12, (Wednesday). The event will also mark the 'Bhoomi Puja' of Jatra Mahotsava Mantapas at 9.30 am, in the divine presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and other Seers, following which a preliminary meeting on Suttur Jatra will be held at 10 am.

Owners of lands at Chamundi Foothill to meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 10 - With nearly 70 cases pending in Karnataka High Court in connection with Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 , Alanahalli Survey No. 41, Chowdahalli Survey No. 39, the Chamundi Tappalina Bhoomalikara Sangha has convened a meeting of its members at Talavana Farm (Indus Valley Ayurvedic Centre) on Lalithadripura Road at 11 am tomorrow (Dec. 11) to discuss various issues pertaining to the land row.

Sangha members and other land owners are requested to attend the meeting, according to a release issued by Sangha Secretary K. Manu. For more details, call Mob: 97415-34705.

Winter Session of State Legislature begins at Belagavi

Belagavi, Dec. 10- The ten-day winter session of the State Legislature began at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi this morning, amidst political heat from within the ruling coalition as well as outside, with the Opposition BJP planning to hold a rally of farmers in Belagavi against what it calls the apathy of the government in addressing farmer issues.

Adding to the coalition government's woes, sugarcane farmers, who had withdrawn their protest a fortnight ago after a government assurance of convincing sugar factories to pay up dues before the commencement of the session, have resumed their protest as the promise is yet to be kept.

Soon as the session began, the Assembly paid obituary references to the demise of former Union Ministers H.N. Ananth Kumar, Ambarish and C. K. Jaffer Sharief, former Ministers E.T. Shambunath and Om Prakash Kanagali, former Legislators M.P. Ravindra, H.S. Prakash, M. Bhaktavatsalam, Babu Reddy Tungal and other leaders and dignitaries, who passed away recently.

The House also condoled the death of 30 people, who were killed in the recent Kanaganamaradi bus mishap in Pandavapura Taluk on Nov. 24.

The session was adjourned for the day after making obituary references. The Opposition BJP is all set to take on the JD(S)-Congress coalition government by raising farmer distress and a host of issues related to the development of North Karnataka.

Karnataka State Human Rights Commission Member in city

R.K. Dutta holds classes for probationers

State Human Rights Commission Member R.K. Dutta** (centre) **flanked by ATI DG Kapil Mohan and Joint Director (Training) Bhagyalakshmi.
[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (RK&SR)- Member of Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) and Retired Director General of Police Rupak Kumar Dutta called upon the probationary officers to uphold dignity of life and other human rights values enshrined in the Constitution while discharging their duty.

He was speaking at the one-day interaction-cum-training programme organised for officials of State Prisons, Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Accounts, Economics and Statistics, Police and other Departments at Kabini Hostel of State Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Road in city this morning.

He said, the Constitution of India had guaranteed equal rights and opportunities for all individuals irrespective of caste, creed, sex, region and religion. It has also ensured special protection for women, children and vulnerable sections besides to prevent atrocities and other offences in society. It is the duty of officials to uphold the principles of equality, dignity of individuals which are also core values of State, National and International Human Rights Commissions, Dutta said.

House burgled at Hebbal; gold, cash, documents stolen

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (SPN&KS) – House burglars, who gained entry into a locked house at Hebbal in city by forcibly opening the door, decamped with gold ornaments and silver articles worth lakhs of rupees along with Rs. 4 lakh cash and some business documents.

The burglary took place at the house of P.S. Jayachandra, located on the 3rd Main Road.

On Dec. 6, Jayachandra, along with his family members, left for Bengaluru. When they returned on Saturday (Dec. 8) they found the front door of the house ajar and on entering the house, they found two gold necklaces weighing about 160 grams, silver articles, Rs. 4 lakh cash and some business documents kept in the room stolen.

The burglars have also taken away the Digital Video Recorder in which CCTV footages are stored. A case has been registered at Hebbal Police Station.

MCC resumes Janaspandana

Mysuru, Dec.10 (MTY&SR)- A large number of people aired their grievances at the Janaspandana programme conducted for the first time after a gap of 10 years by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) at the MCC Zonal Office 1 near Agrahara Circle in city, here this morning.

Residents coming under Lakshmipuram, Agrahara, Sunnadakeri, Gundurao Nagar, Chamundipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Subbarayanakere, Ramachandra Agrahara and other adjoining areas attended.

They lodged complaints seeking solutions to fix potholes, to clean underground drainages, street lights, desilting storm water drains, poor garbage disposal mechanism, drinking water, road repair and other problems. They complained that pourakarmikas were refusing to collect garbage as the civic body had not provided glouses, safety kits and not ensured health protection to them in many Wards.

Rat infestation

Several residents urged the MCC to take up rat control measures as rat infestation was causing huge problems and damaging properties in their houses.

Replying to such complaints, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha assured to look into the complaints and provided solutions to many problems on the spot. He also directed his officers to fix the problem on top priority as well as to ensure safety kits to pourakarmikas for smooth facilitation of door-to-door garbage collection. On receiving the complaints, MCC has also issued an acknowledgement to the complainants, assuring them of addressing their grievances at the earliest.

Provide publicity

Speaking after inaugurating Janaspandana, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that the MCC had conducted a similar programme in 2008 but it had evoked poor response due to poor public participation. She asked the MCC officials to provide wide publicity atleast three days prior to Janaspandana.

The Mayor also wanted the residents to pay taxes on time as revenue collection is a must for MCC to implement more people-friendly development works.

MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha said that MCC had resumed Janaspandana to provide on the spot solution to civic problems as part of MCC's citizen-friendly measures.

Tax collection drive

Following the poor tax collection this financial year, the MCC is also conducting tax collection drive in all its eight zones every month. This drive would help the tax-payers to pay the taxes at their doorsteps. **In today's tax collection drive at MCC Zone 1, hundreds of tax payers paid water, property and other cess on the spot. The management of Puttaswamy Choultry paid highest amount of Rs 3.4 lakh on the spot.**

Zone 1 Ward Corporators B V. Manjunath, Sowmya, Lokesh, Chayadevi, Puttalingamma, Lokesh Piya, M.V. Ramprasad, Shobha and others were present.

Kumbha Mela Tour from City

Mysuru, Dec.10- Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike having office at No.11, 2nd Floor, City Bus Stand Building, K.R. Circle in the city, will be organising Allahabad Kumbha Mela tours to facilitate 'Punya Snana' (Holy dip) at Allahabad on Feb. 19 and Mar. 4, 2019. Kumbha Mela is held in once in 12 years.

The interested devotees can register at the Vedike Office.

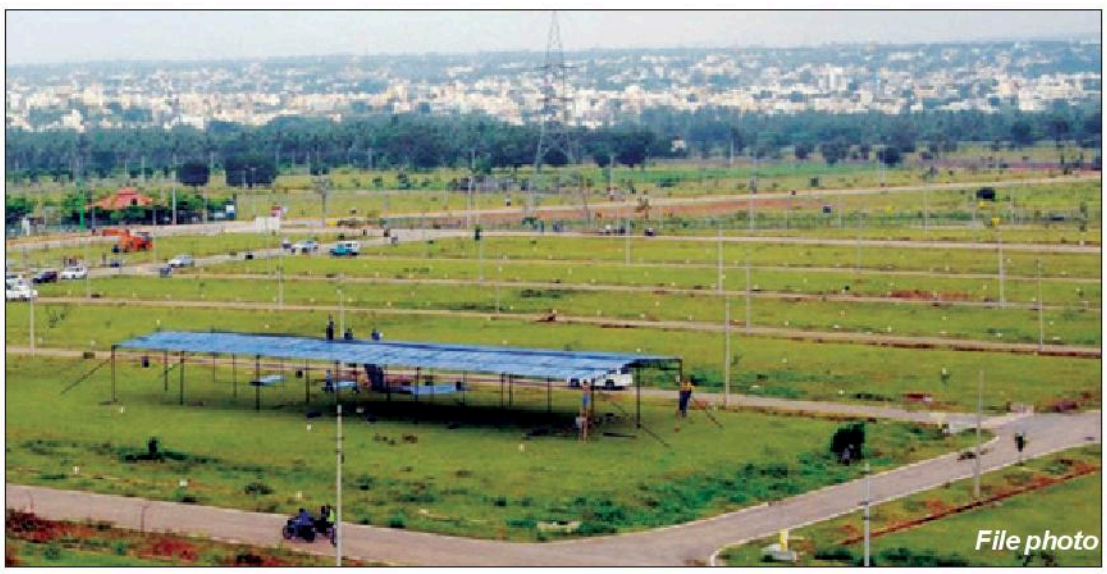
For details, call Mob: 99026-98623 or 97418-37323, according to a press release from Vedike Founder President H.L. Yamuna.

MUDA's Ballahalli Layout stuck as farmers demand more share

Mysuru, Dec.10 (RK&BCT)- The ambitious project of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to form Ballahalli Layout in partnership with farmers (land owners) has hit a roadblock with farmers demanding their pound of flesh. They are asking more share in the layouts that will be developed by MUDA.

At the Ballahalli Layout near Koorgalli that has been cleared by the State Government, MUDA plans to distribute 4,000 sites in an area of 285 acres. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and a joint measurement process has been completed. MUDA has plans of developing the proposed residential layout at Ballahalli into a full-fledged satellite township to disperse growth and de-congest the city.

While acquiring land for new layouts, the MUDA decided to follow the 50:50 formula where 50 percent of the developed sites will be given free of cost to land owners or farmers whose land have been acquired. This formula has been worked out by MUDA to avoid litigations and claims of more compensation.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In new layouts, 16 sites can be formed in one acre of land after leaving out space and earmarking roads, drainage, Underground Drainage (UGD), power lines, parks, open space, Civic Amenity (CA) sites and corner sites.

As per the 50:50 formula after the mandatory spaces are earmarked in one acre of land, there will be an area of 21,000 square feet for house sites. In this, as per the formula, landowners will get 10,500 square feet and MUDA will get 10,500 feet. "The farmers are now demanding 12,500 square feet of land per acre as their share and it will not be feasible for MUDA to do this," said MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning from Telangana where he had been for Assembly election duty, he said that the project was stuck as the farmers are demanding a larger share. "The issue has already been brought to the notice of Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda and he has assured to hold a meeting with farmers soon after the ongoing Winter Session of Assembly in Belagavi," he said.

Earlier, MUDA had floated 40:60 formula where 60 percent of the developed land was to be taken over by MUDA and the rest 40 percent to be owned by farmers. Following the demand from farmers and to mitigate their land losses, MUDA agreed for 50:50 formula. "If the farmers do not agree to this, then we will be forced to have a rethink on Ballahalli project," he explained.

Another issue that has come in the way of the project is around 60-70 acres of 'Gomala' land (Government land that has been handed over to villages for cattle grazing) within Ballahalli project.

"This Gomala land falls under G.T. Devegowda's constituency and we have requested him to speak to landowners and persuade them to part with lands," he said.

Kantharaju said that private developers are offering Rs.1 crore per acre of land at Ballahalli and this also has added a spoke in the wheels of MUDA's new layout plans.

Of late, MUDA is facing severe shortage of land and people have accused it of failing on its basic function — to identify and provide land for residents of Mysuru.

There are more than one-and-a-half lakh pending applications from site aspirants since the last 30 years and the number of applicants has only increased.

So far, MUDA has only been able to complete the process of allotting land at R.T. Nagar and Lalithadrinagar Second Stage that were proposed 15 years back only in December last year.

Respect human rights of others, says Judge C.G. Hungund

Mysuru, Dec.10 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that it is important for everyone to respect the rights of others, Karnataka State Human Rights Commission Member and former Principal District Sessions Court Judge Chandrashekar Gurubasappa Hungund (C.G. Hungund) said that human rights have a global dimension.

He was speaking after inaugurating Human Rights Day organised under the aegis of Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti at Town Hall here this morning.

Recalling his five-year experience as a Member of the Commission, Hungund said that he got an opportunity to see closely the problems of the people as a Member of the Commission.

Pointing out that as Judge for 30 years, he had to function under a set framework, he reiterated that he got to know more of public issues as a Commission Member.

Noting that the concept of human rights was not new, he said that recognising the importance of human rights, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a general resolution in 1948, according to which Human Rights Day is celebrated on Dec.10 of every year since then.

Maintaining that it is the duty of the State and all its agencies to protect human rights of every citizen, Hungund observed that there will be no violation of human rights if every one respects the rights of others.

As part of the programme, a Legal Awareness Session, a Job Mela and a free health check-up camp were held.

The event also marked felicitation to select farmers and Army Jawans and conferment of 'Manava Ratna' awards to achievers.

Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graced the occasion.

Social worker K. Raghuram, Journalist and Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti President Kasturi Chandru, women's wing State President Sumitra Ramesh, Mysuru District President Shashikala Girish, social worker from Bengaluru H.M. Krishanamurthy and others were present.

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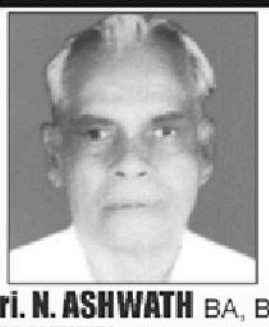

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Chiguru Sanje: An Enjoyable Event

Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao being felicitated by Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy as Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy of Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, K.V. Murthy, President of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre and B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha look on.

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Chiguru Sanje, the annual programme of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre for the children between 5 and 15 years of age, was celebrated at Jaganmohan Palace on the 25th and 26th of October with grandeur. Two eminent personalities in the field of music and dance — Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao and Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan were felicitated on the occasion.

The performance of tiny-tots on both days was colourful and satisfying. Compering of the entire programme was also done by kids under 5 years of age, who did their part beautifully with their stuttering words, bringing smiles on the lips of the audience.

The evening recital on the first day began with Nrityanjali in Ragamalike and Talamalike by the tiniest of the kids. Krishna Kauthuwam in mohana was presented wherein Krishna's 'Kalinga mardana' was shown. Muttuswami Deekshitar's good old 'Himagiri Tanaye Hemalate' in shuddha Dhanyasi described Devi Parvati in each word. A very rare padavarna in Keeravani, starting with the charana part as is usually done in Vasundhara tradition,'Parthasarathi Dashavidha Roopa set to Adi tala was choreographed splendidly wherein Krishna's birth, his lifting of the Govardhana Hill and Rasaleela were shown appealingly. Devaranama 'Popu Hogona baro' by Purandara Dasaru was magnificent with each para describing 'Seeta Kalyana' from Ramayana, the game of dice between Dharmaraja and Duryodhana from Mahabharata and the Krishna-Rukmini episode from the Bhagavata included in the sanchari.

To add spice to the concert, a folk dance 'Kavadi Chindu' was also included in praise of Lord Muruga in Tamil. The first day's programme concluded with 'Antahpura Geete' by DVG 'Enee Mahanandave O Bhamini.'

The second day's recital opened with a set of shlokas in praise of Ganesha, Krishna, Goddess Durga and Sharada in Ragamalika. This was followed by a Swara Todayam in Gambheera Nata. The second one 'Andal Kauthuwam' was interesting describing the story of Andal who weds herself to Krishna. Andal is the only female Alvar among the 12 Alvar saints, known for their affiliation to the Srivaishnava tradition. Andal, who grew up as a devotee of Krishna, wore the garland before her father Vishnuchittar dedicated it to the presiding deity, who later found it and remonstrated her. But the Lord appeared in his dream and and asked him to dedicate only the garland worn by Andal. As she grew up to be a beautiful maiden, her fervour for the Lord increased to an extent that she decided to marry the Lord Himself. The entire story was depicted well by the kids.

The popular swarajati in Bilahari 'Ra Ra venu Gopa Bala rajita sadguna Dayasheela' in both Swara and Sahitya and 'Mamavatu Sri Saraswati' in Hindola by Mysuru Vasudevacharya were pleasing with elegant postures of Goddess Saraswati. Kannada Padavarna in Ramapriya by Mahesh Swamy 'Raghuvamsha Chandrane' was staged in detail by the elder girls of the group vividly describing the Ahalya Shapa vimochana and the Kaushika Yagna Rakshana.'

Javali in Ananda Bhairavi 'Madhura nagarilo' specially made for dance expressed Krishna's troubling of gopikas by stopping them in the streets of Mathura. Tillana in Kamas was good with appreciative footwork.

The Mangalam on both the days was different with 'Shuddha Brahma Paraatpara Ram' on the first day and a bhajan in praise of Rama and Krishna on the second.

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Little Angels descend to Dance

Mysuru, Dec.10- A festival of Classical Dance by prodigies was witnessed at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in city recently. A dance canvas in colours of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Odissi and Kathak unveiled to a packed hall. The angels who descended were all children between 8 and 15, accomplished in their chosen dance format revelled in abandon.

While Pooja Satnur performed Bharatanatyam, Sanjana Prasad performed Kuchipudi. After Prisha Sinha performed Odissi, Saina Kadni, Vaibhavi R. Shetty, Vaishnavi R. Shetty, Phalguni V. Kadambalithaya and Shama V. Bharadwaj, all artistes of Articulate Dance Studios, presented Kathak.

It is not to be seen with feeling of admiration that the performers were mere children, but the mastery of the chosen medium showed their accomplishment. One cannot say who was better than the other. The geometricity of Bharatanatyam executed by Pooja Satnur, the flamboyancy of Kuchipudi exhibited by Sanjana Prasad, the sensuality of Odissi displayed by cuteness embodiment Prisha Sinha, t he mercurial spins and footwork of Kathak as nimbly performed by the group of five girls was all mesmerising.

It was an evening where Dance Angels descended to enthrall the audience. Curator of the Festival Mysore B. Nagaraj said, Indian Classical Dances have a good future in the hands and feet of these children, proving the point that dance shall survive and stand the test of time. This was the second in series of the annual festival dedicated to showcase the talent of children in the field of Indian traditional dance art.

Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at Dharwad from Jan. 4

Applications invited to book stalls

Mysuru, Dec.10- The Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Dharwad District Administration will be hosting the three-day 84th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) premises, Dharwad, from Jan. 4 to 6 next year.

Applications are invited to book the stalls for the exhibition. As many as 200 stalls each measuring 10X10 feet will be available at the venue at a rental of Rs. 3,000 for each stall.

Those interested to set up their stall may send a Demand Draft for Rs. 3,000 favouring '84th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana Samithi.'

50 book stalls

Apart from this, the organisers have decided to put up 50 book stalls at the campus. Permission will be given to exhibit around 500 books in every shop. A stall of 10 X10 feet measurement will be set up and a rent of Rs. 2,500 is fixed for each book stall. A DD for the said amount may be sent to the President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Sahitya Bhavan, near N.R. Shetty Auditorium, Dharwad - 580001 or President, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chamarajapet, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Bengaluru- 560018 before Dec.20. Those who send DD in advance would be given preference. The Sahitya Sammelana Samithi will finalise the selection of the stall-seekers. Those who set up their stalls must compulsory use clothe material for display of their flex and banners but not plastic.

For further details contact Dharwad District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President on Ph:0836-2448721 or Mob: 93418-40421.

They may also contact the Office of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru, on Ph: 080-26612991 or 080-26623584.

Overwhelming response for 'Hunsur Habba'

Over 5,000 people witness colourful procession with tableaux, march-past, folk troupes, foreign students

The idol of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari placed on a silver chariot taken in a procession as part of 'Hunsur Habba.' Picture right shows Forest Department's tableau.

Hunsur, Dec.10 (SR)- The colourful procession organised as part of 'Hunsur Habba,' the first of its kind in the communally sensitive town, by the Taluk Administration and local organisations, received an overwhelming response here on Saturday.

Over 5,000 people from various parts of the taluk witnessed the procession, beyond the expectation of the organisers.

The procession, which began from Ranganathaswamy Temple in Kalkunike Ranganatha Layout of the town, culminated at Kalkunike Circle after passing through main streets.

Students of more than 10 schools took out march-past along with bandset which was followed by folk troupes. *Mari Kunita* was performed by Kicchu Yuvaka Sangha of Halebeedu village in Bilikere hobli; Gavadagere's Dollu Kunita, Veeraghase, Pata Kunita, Kolata, Karate Demonstration by La Salette School and Classic troupe's Drumset drew huge appreciation from the public.

Foreign students at the procession.

Over 30 foreign students from countries like Uganda, Afghanistan, Zambia and South Africa, dressed in their traditional attire, took part in the procession under the aegis of Nehru Yuva Kendra. People of the town swarmed them to take selfies with them. Unorgansied labourers, dressed in their uniforms, also took part in the procession under the banner of the Labour Department.

Tableaux

The display of tableaux by various Departments of the Government was the other highlight of the event. Forest Department's tableau spoke about conserving wildlife with the replica of elephants, deer, tiger, leopard and other animals on display.

On the other hand, the tableau by Muslim community members, under the title 'Bharatada Shilpigalu' (Sculptors of India), displayed the photographs of great personalities like A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Fakruddin Ali Ahammed, Nazeer Saab (popularly called 'Neer' (water) Sab for his revolutionary drinking water schemes) and Mirza Ismail.

While Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, through its tableau, sensitised people on Swachh Bharat Mission, City Muncipal's tableau created awareness on Waste Disposal and Police Department's tableau advocated people to follow traffic rules.

Inauguration

Earlier, District Minsiter G.T. Devegowda inaugurated the procession by offering puja to *Nandi Kamba* and Goddess Bhuvaneshwari idol placed in a silver chariot at Ranganathaswamy Temple. State JD(S) President and Hunsur MLA A.H. Vishwanath and the District Minister G.T. Devegowda thanked the people for peaceful conduct of procession in the town which was banned from last three years due to communal disturbances.

Hunsur City Municipal Council President H.Y. Mahadev, Members Sunitha Jayaramegowda, Shivakumar, ZP Members M.B. Surendra, Kattanayaka and others were present.

Duets by Mother-Daughter

Pramoda Upadhya and Navami Upadhya.

Natyacharya K. Ramamurthy Rao's Nupura Cultural Trust, Mysuru, will present its Annual K. Vanajakshamma Memorial Dance Event today (Dec.10) at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar. The specialty of this year's event is a set of dual performances of mother-daughter, Pramoda Upadhya with her daughter Dr. Navami Upadhya and Seema Kiran Kulkarni with her daughter Sakshi Kulkarni.

Hanur Chennappa, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, will be the chief guest. Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy of Raaga Music Academy and Art Patron K.V. Murthy will be present. Senior Dancer Pramoda Upadhya and Seema Kiran Kulkarni will be felicitated on the occasion.

Pramoda Upadhya had her initial training in Bharatanatyam from Kamala Bhat of Mangalore and advanced training from K. Ramamurthy Rao. It is also under him she passed Senior and Vidwat exams with distinction. Presently, she is training hundreds of students in and around Dharwad. She is the recipient of 'Gurukularatna' and 'Dheemanta Mahile' Awards.

Seema Kiran Kulkarni, an MBA holder, learnt dance under P.V. Upadhya and Mandakini and later from K. Ramamurthy Rao. She has performed for various sabhas in Udupi, Bangalore, Mysore, Hubballi, etc. She has started a dance school 'Saketh School of Dance', wherein she is training many enthusiasts. She has also participated in 'Akka' Meet in the US in 2010.

— **Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan**

Seema Kiran Kulkarni and Sakshi Kulkarni.

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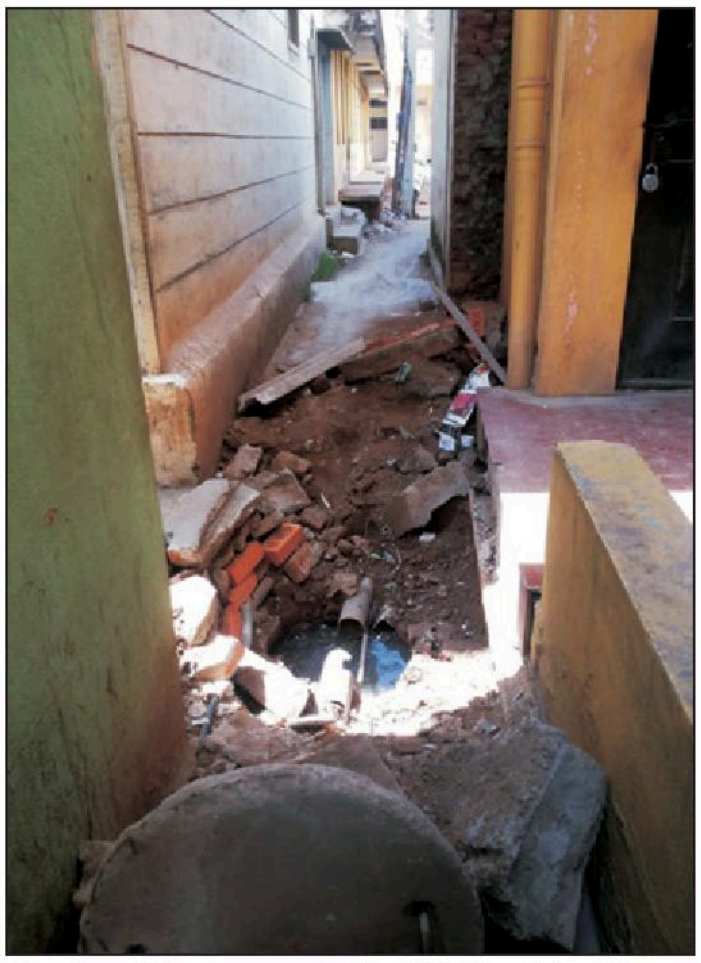
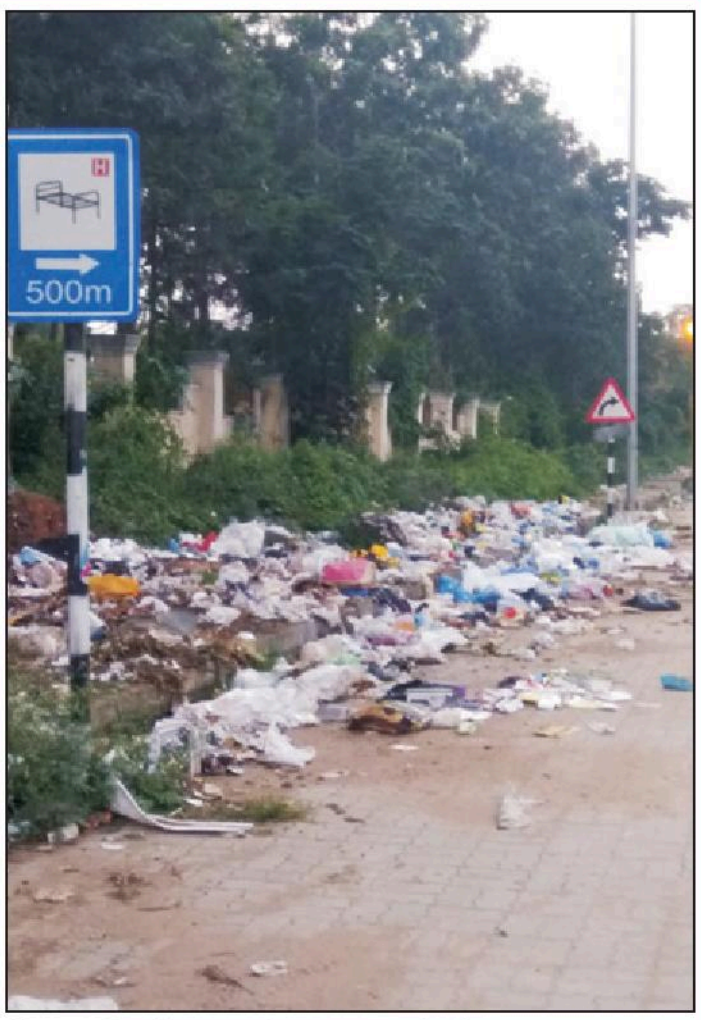
Plea to expedite manhole work behind K.R. Hospital



A portion of the cross road behind K.R. Hospital, which was dug up for the construction of a manhole a few days ago, is not progressing and has come to a standstill. Authorities concerned are urged to expedite the works and complete it at the earliest.

An eyesore on T. Narasipur Road



Heaps of garbage such as empty plastic covers, waste papers and other wastes which are dumped on T. Narasipur Main Road near Giridarshini Layout is not cleared and has become an eyesore on the stretch. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps and get the garbage cleared soon.

Voting through the eyes of an eighteen-year-old

File photo

By Rahul Rajpal

Voting is very important for a democracy to thrive. Choosing our elected representative can pave the path of the future of our country, either by supporting an individual who wishes to maintain the status quo or someone who promises to make stark differences. You might be thinking that this is going to be another generic article about the importance of voting, but you are wrong. This article is all about what voting meant to me.

You become an adult at eighteen but it is not as good as it seems. Eighteen is just a number after all because even though you are paying the full price of a ticket, like other adults, you don't feel like one. You will always be told you are still a kid and that you have a lot to learn.

We have all learnt that we get to vote when we turn eighteen. In school, it was a something I had to memorise for exams but I realised its true value much later. As a kid I always thought, "I represent a single vote in a huge country, what difference does it make anyway?" It was a mundane exercise which my parents had to follow every election day. Only now do I think about it and reflect on my immaturity back then. Not that I am very mature now, but I do feel that this thought was selfish and superficial.

It is not just a single vote but a mindset, a mindset which everyone needs to inculcate. It should not be looked at as a single vote but as a tool to chart the course of our future. It is only possible to yield this tool if we use it as one. Our hopes of the goals of our elected representatives need not be the same but isn't that the best part about a democracy?

My understanding of an ideal candidate had initially been formed based on my lessons in school where we were introduced to the concept of a government and elections. I was told that a good politician was one who worked for the people. Later I was introduced to the news and all I read was corruption, scams, buying votes and the likes.

There came a phase where I felt that all politicians are corrupt and there is no point in voting for any of them. I still find people with this ideology around me. Over time I understood that we cannot be searching for a utopian society in an imperfect world. We have to accept that greed, a part of human nature, will always exist and we have to make the best of what we have.

For quite a while I never really understood what I heard on the news with respect to elections. There were by-polls, exit-polls, alliances and other terminology which seemed like a foreign language to me. Most of my 'views' on politics were formed while sitting around my father and his friends and listening to their discussions. It always went over my head but I managed to memorise all they said. I saved those words for when I was with my friends and blurted it out just to impress them. I did walk out with panache but I had no idea what I said.

Fast-forward a few years and I am now studying in a law school. It is not uncommon to have discussions on politics here. I might be stereotypical and I am sure there are political intellectuals everywhere but this is my own experience. I have had the opportunity of mingling with students who have a knack for understanding political theory like no one else. Listening to them is just bliss and their take on some issues fascinate me. I do try to stay ahead and keep abreast of current affairs but the outlook of some of my peers never ceases to amaze me.

I have mentioned quite a bit about my 'political ideologies' but my inspiration to write this article arose quite recently. I was in Mysuru on the 12th of May, the day we had our Karnataka State Assembly elections. I hadn't made my voter ID card then because of which I could only watch as all my friends cast their vote. We had our house-warming ceremony that day and all the guests made it very clear that they would come home only after voting.

At that moment I was hit by a wave of regret for not capitalising on this opportunity. Since this was the first time I was of the age to vote, it hit me that I had a golden opportunity and I missed it. However, it was not remorse for not contributing to the formation of our government, but it was something else, something from deep within. Maybe it had something to do with growing up with an older sibling where you are pushed into his shadow and this makes you feel like you want to be heard.

The realisation that I would never be treated the same as my brother gave me a very strong desire to be heard and at that moment, at home, on election day, I realised that I had a chance but it slipped through my fingers. Now here I am, a few months later, lying in wait for the next opportunity — hopefully the 2019 general elections.

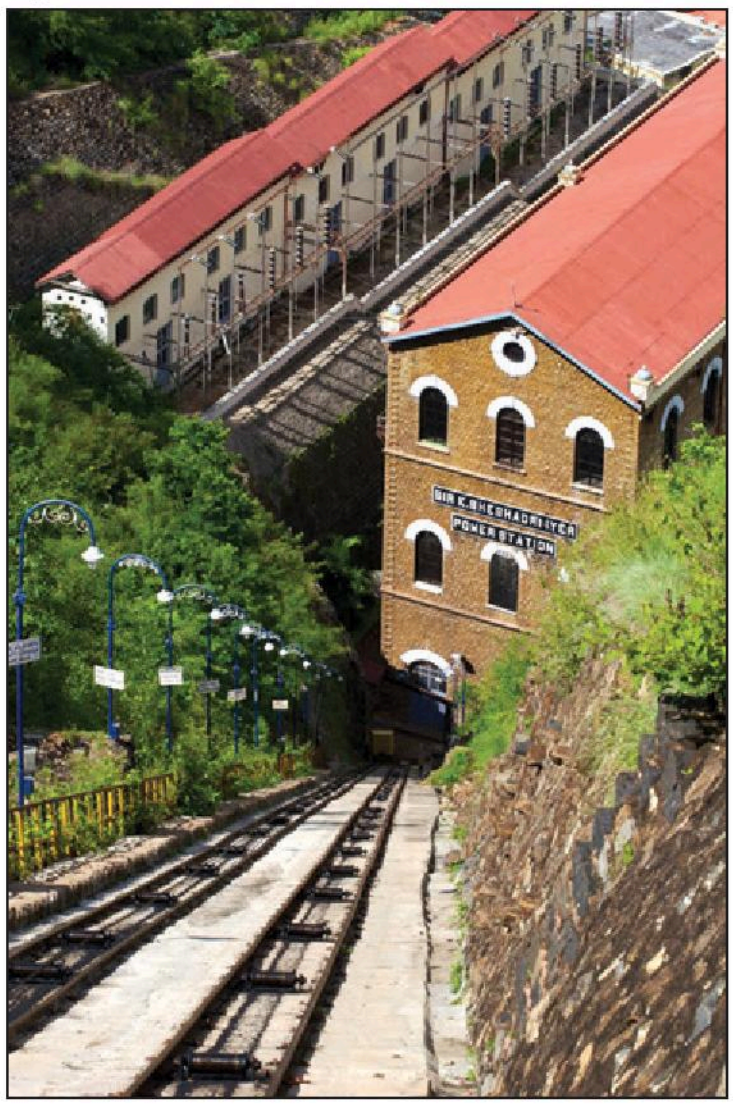
[Mysuru-based Rahul Rajpal is a 5th Sem, BA-LLB, student at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar].

DKS visits Shimsha, says Mekedatu project will be a reality

Mandya, Dec.10 (UNI)- Reiterating his stand that a new dam at Mekedatu across River Cauvery would be constructed, Karnataka Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) said the dam would be constructed after getting all clearances from the Centre to address the drinking water needs of the people.

Yesterday, Shivakumar visited Shimshapura Power Generating Station (Shimsha Power Plant or Sir K. Seshadri Iyer Power Station) that is facing threat of submersion if the Mekedatu project comes up. The Power Station was set up by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1939. It is the first Hydroelectric Power Station in Asia to start generation and is located at hilly regions in Shivanasamudra, near Malavalli.

Visiting the Power Station along with officials, the Minister said, Shimsha unit needs to be upgraded. The project generates 17 MW of electricity.



Old machines will be replaced to generate more power and the Power Station will be shifted to a place that does not face submersion, he added. "Karnataka is determined and committed in constructing the dam at Mekedatu to store 57 tmcft of water. Only after getting all clearances from the Centre, we will construct the dam at Mekedatu," he said.

Inviting leaders of all parties in Tamil Nadu to visit the dam site, he said that construction of a new dam at Mekedatu would in no way affect flow of Cauvery waters to Tamil Nadu. Asserting that Karnataka does not want to adopt a confrontationist attitude with neighbouring Tamil Nadu, he said TN was a brother State.

He also said that Karnataka would not violate the Supreme Court and said that the Centre has not given the nod to construct the dam, but only to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna, MLAs Dr. K. Annadani, Narendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, MP D.K. Suresh and officials from Water Resources Dept. were present.

Kanaganamaradi Bus Tragedy

Absconding bus driver arrested after 15 days

Mandya, Dec.10 (Nagaiah& KS)- Pandavapura Police have succeeded in nabbing the driver of the private bus that plunged into Visvesvaraya Canal at Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk which resulted in the death of 30 people.

The driver, identified as Shivanna, a native of Holalu village in the taluk, was arrested in Bengaluru on Saturday. He had gone absconding soon after the incident.

It may be recalled that the bus tragedy took place on Nov.24 afternoon which snuffed out 30 lives. Only four persons, including driver Shivanna, conductor Pandu, Lohit, a boy from Vadesamudra and Girish survived.

According to the report from the Regional Transport Officials, it was confirmed that negligence on the part of the driver had led to the tragedy.

Pandavapura Police, who had formed two teams to trace and nab the driver, arrested him on Saturday in Bengaluru.

According to Police sources, driver Shivanna would be produced before a Court today after interrogating him.

Tusker killed by speeding train in Hassan

Hassan, Dec.10- A tusker was killed by a speeding train near Kakanamane in Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan district last night. It is learnt that the tusker was crossing the Railway track to return to the forest when the Karwar-Bengaluru Passenger Train rammed into it.

There are about 30 elephants which roam around in this area and the residents of Sakleshpur and Alur had staged a protest last week urging the authorities to relocate the elephants. Considering their request, the Government had assured of installing barricades using Railway tracks at the forest borders. But still the elephants were found roaming freely at Chittalli village in Balupete creating a sense of fear among the villagers.

Meanwhile, the Forest officials, who rushed to the spot, are investigating the cause of the tusker's death. Earlier in June 3, two elephant calves were killed when a goods train hit them near Yedakumari bridge in Sakleshpur taluk and now a tusker is killed by a passenger train.

Meanwhile, the villagers have urged the officials concerned to stop man-animal conflicts in the region and also stop the deaths of wild animals. They have urged the Government to install railway barricades around the forest border and help human beings and wild animals live peacefully.

Farmer Association demands Memorial for farmer leaders

Mysuru, Dec.10 (RKB&DM)- Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar has urged the Government to build a Memorial for farmer leaders.

Speaking to press persons after attending a meeting at the DC's office here recently, Shantakumar said that the Government had come forward for building Memorials for actors out of taxpayers' money, but farmer leaders, who dedicated their entire life fighting for the welfare of farmers, are a ignored lot, he maintained and demanded that the Government build a Memorial for tall farmer leaders such as Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy, Sundaresh and K.S. Puttannaiah, at Bengaluru, as a mark of respect to them.

Obituary

Allen Standen

Mysuru, Dec.10- Allen Standen (63), a resident of Kesare, passed away last night at his residence following cardiac arrest. A musician, he leaves behind his wife, a son, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Ooty Road here this afternoon.

Ramachandra Naidu

Hunsur, Dec.10- Ramachandra Naidu (82), a resident of Store Street and an expert in making bullock cart wheels, passed away on Saturday following brief illness.

He leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday at the Hindu Burial Grounds near the bridge.

Shashikala Mallesh

Shashikala Mallesh (58), wife of Mallesh and a resident of Medar Street, passed away yesterday morning following heart attack. She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the Hindu Burial Grounds here this afternoon.

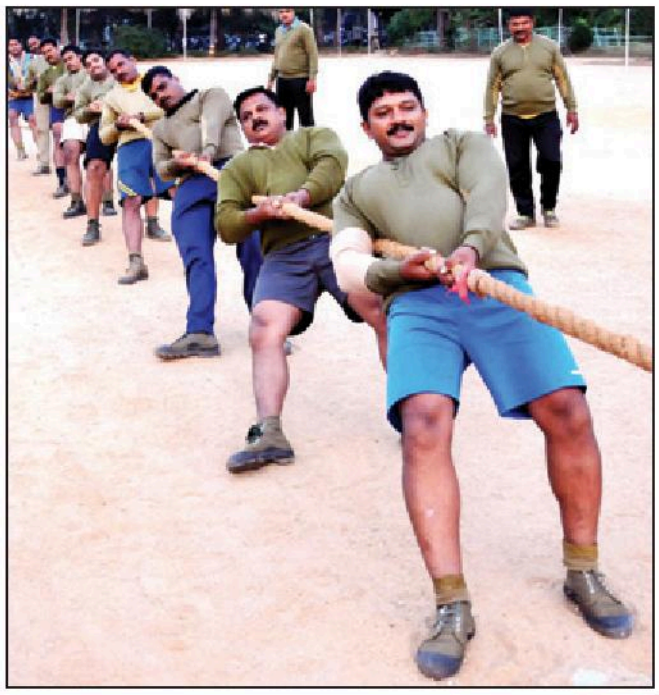
Chinnamani

Chinnamani (70), wife of Puttarajappa, a retired PWD Engineer, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm in Hunsur this afternoon.

Police Sports: CAR wins Team Championship



Mysuru, Dec.10 (YDS&US)- The City Armed Reserve (CAR) team won the Team Championship at the Police Sports Meet which concluded at CAR Grounds here on Saturday.

In the Individual Best category, CAR Constable Mylari was adjudged the winner under Men's Category while NR Sub-Division Constable K.P. Usha walked away with the honour under the Women's Category. The list of other winners is as follows:

MEN'S CATEGORY

5000m Run: 1. P.Aditya (CAR), **2.** Chetan Kumar (Mounted Company) and **3.** Pavan Kumar (CAR).

KARP Mounted Company (ARSI & Above Officers): Show-Jumping: 1. M. Limboji Rao, **2.** Shabbir Pasha & **3.** Suresh Rao Shinde; **Tent-Pegging: 1.** M. Madhu, **2.** J. Mohan and **3.** Lokesh; **Bandsmen Race: 1.** Siddaraju, **2.** Pradeep Kumar & **3.** S. Vikas.

ACPs Category: Revolver-Shooting: 1. Nagaraj (CAR), **2.** G.S. Gajendra Prasad (Devaraja) & **3.** C. Gopal (NR); **100 mts Run: 1.** Dharmappa (KR), **2.** H.V. Veeranna (CAR) & **3.** Rajashekar (FPB); **Shot-put: 1.** G.N. Mohan (Traffic), **2.** Rajashekar (FPB) & **3.** Suresh (CAR); **Discus-Throw: 1.** Rajashekar (FPB), **2.** Dharmappa (KR) & **3.** G.N. Mohan (Traffic).

Police Inspector category: Shot-put: 1. Ashok Kumar (CCB) & A.G. Ashok Kumar (CAR), **2.** Mahadevaswamy (Nazarbad) & **3.** K.M. Murthy (CAR); **100m Run: 1.** Mahadevaswamy (Nazarbad), **2.** K.M. Murthy (CAR) & **3.** Ashok Kumar (CCB); **Discus-Throw: 1.** A.G. Ashok Kumar (CAR), **2.** Ashok Kumar (CCB) & **3.** Prakash (KR); **Revolver-Shooting: 1.** R. Vijaykumar (Kuvempunagar), **2.** Ashok Kumar (CAR) & **3.** D. Manjunath (KR Traffic).

DCPs & Above: Revolver-Shooting: 1. Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao (Police Commissioner), **2.** Channaiah (DCP-CAR) & **3.** PraveenAlva (Dy. Commandant, Mounted Company).

SI and ASI: Revolver-Shooting: 1. P. Suresh (CAR), **2.** N. Mohan (NR) & **3.** Manoharan (CAR).

Volleyball for Senior Officers: 1st place - DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, ACP V. Shailendra, Devaraja Inspector Prasanna, RPI K.M. Murthy & KR-PSI Sunil; **2nd place -** Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao, Praveen Alva, Rajashekar, Gajendra Prasad and PSIsMohan & Ramachandra.

Badminton Doubles — DCP & Above: 1st - Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao & Dr. Vikram V. Amate and **2nd -** Vishnuvardhana and Praveen Alva; **ACPs: 1.** Rajashekar & Dharmappa, **2.** H.V. Veeranna & Mohan and **3.** Gajendra Prasad & V. Shailendra.

Badminton Singles — ACPs: 1. Rajashekar, **2.** H.V. Veeranna & **3.** V. Shailendra; **Inspectors: 1.** Manju (Alanahalli), **2.** Jagadish (CCB) & **3.** K.M. Murthy (CAR).

WOMEN'S CATEGORY

100 mts Run: 1. Lakshmi (KR), **2.** Ratnamma & **3.** Kousalya (NR); **200 mts Run: 1.** K.P. Usha (NR), **2.** Lakshmi & **3.** Kousalya.

Shot-put: 1. Usha, **2.** Seema Banu (NR) & **3.** Ratnamma; **Long-Jump: 1.** Jyoti (KR), **2.** Usha & **3.** Ratnamma; **Javelin-Throw: 1.** Ratnamma, **2.** Manjula & **3.** Kavita (all Devaraja).

Head Constables and Constables: Rifle-Shooting: 1. Manasa (Hebbal), **2.** Jyoti (Saraswathipuram) & **3.** Nandini (Vidyaranyapuram); **Discus-Throw: 1.** Usha, **2.** Kavita & **3.** S.S. Manjula (Devaraja).

4x100m Relay: 1st place - Lakshmi, Punyasri, Jyoti & Usha (KR); **2nd -** Ratnamma, Shweta, Shilpa & Manasa (Devaraja).

Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director Vipul Kumar distributed prizes to the winners. Priyanka Vipul Kumar, Police Commissioner Dr. A.S. Rao, DCPs N. Vishnuvardhana, Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, Chennaiah and others were present.

CAR Constable Mylari, who emerged winner in the Individual Best category, receiving the trophy from Priyanka Vipul Kumar during the prize distribution ceremony as KPA Director Vipul Kumar and City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao look on.

Service Organisations Cup 2018-19

Rotary Mysore Midtown emerges champion

Mysuru, Dec.10 (YDS&KS)- Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown emerged champion in the Service Organisations Cup 2018-19, annual Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament organised by Mysore Round Table (MRT) - 21 at the Railway Grounds here yesterday.

Batting first, MERT-256 team scored 55 runs for loss of five wickets in eight overs. Chasing the target, Rotary Mysore Midtown scored 58 runs for loss of two wickets in just 4.2 overs and bagged the Championship trophy.

In the first semi-finals held earlier between MERT-256 and MART-156, a score of 91 runs was given as the target by MART-156, which scored the runs for loss of six wickets. Chasing the target, MERT-256 scored 92 runs for loss of two wickets and entered the finals.

In the second semi finals, Rotary Mysore Midtown gave a target of 148 runs which they scored for loss of two wickets. But Rotary Central could manage to score only 66 runs for loss of two wickets. This resulted in Rotary Mysore Midtown clashing with MERT-256 in the finals.

While G. Madhu of Rotary Mysore Midtown bagged 'Man of the Series' award, Tr. Chirag bagged the 'Best Batsman,' Tr. Pavan Bargi bagged 'Best Round Table Cricketer' and Rakesh Babu of Rotary Mysore Midtown bagged 'Bowler of the Series' awards.

MRT-21 Chairman H.H. Ram distributed the prizes. Tournament Convenor Santosh Reddy and others were present during the event.

TfN cyclists leave Hassan, en-route to Kushalnagar

Mysuru, Dec.10- Tour of Nilgiris (TfN) cycle expedition, which was flagged off in city yesterday morning, has reached Hassan last evening and after a stay overnight, the cyclists left from Hassan to Kushalnagar this morning at 7 am.

They will stay at Kushalnagar tonight and will depart to Sultan Bathery on Tuesday (Dec.11) morning.

Mysuru's Vyshak, Vinay join the league

Mysuru, Dec.10- TfN has sponsored two free entries (worth Rs.50,000 each) for its 11th edition and the same has been given to the upcoming riders from Mysuru — K.V. Vyshak and Vinay.

K.V. Vyshak, a promising young cyclist from Mysuru, has won two gold medals at the recently concluded National Mountain Biking Championship at Pune. A student of JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru, the 18-year-old participated in 'Junior-Men' category in the National Championship and won gold medals in both 'Individual Time Trial' and 'Massed Start' events.

With these achievements, he becomes the only cyclist from Mysuru to qualify this year for the National Cycling Competition that will be held at Kurukshetra.

Vyshak, son of Vijaykumar and Lalitha from Yelwal, Mysuru, trains under Ekalavyya awardee N. Lokesh in Mysuru.

R. Vinay, a student at CPC Polytechnic, is the son of Ramakrishna Nayaka and Anusya from J.P. Nagar, Mysuru. The 19-year-old is a State Champion in MTB, National participant and finished 5th in the recently concluded BBCh Nandi Road Race in the Elite category.

'TfN cycle expedition is quite unique, tough and competitive'

Says woman cyclist Deepa Katrodia

Deepa Katrodia in action

Mysuru, Dec.10- Deepa Katrodia, a 35-year-old woman cyclist from Mumbai, who is taking part in the 11th edition of TfN along with her husband Pradeep Katrodia (who is also a Iron man finisher), speaking to *SOM* before the start of the cycle expedition on yesterday morning, opined that "TfN is a multiple endurance event, which gives a mental change to the participant to bind with nature and also brings competitive spirit."

Deepa, an amateur athlete into triathlon and cycling, got to know of the TfN through a common friend and enrolled along with her husband, who are the only husband and wife to participate in the expedition. Deepa feels that TfN is one of the best cycling expedition conducted in the country and wants to conquer the Kalpetta hill climb which is very challenging with 36 hair pin bends.

India beat Australia by 31 runs in historic win at Adelaide

Adelaide, Dec.10- Chasing their first-ever Test series win in Australia, India made an impressive start to the four-match series by beating the hosts by 31 runs in the opening Test at the Adelaide Oval on Monday.

On the fifth day, Australia stretched India all the way but couldn't get past the 323 run target which would have been the first successful chase at the venue since 1902.

Australia were bundled out for 291 in an extended post-lunch session to go 0-1 down in the series. This is the first time India have won an opening Test in Australia and just their sixth overall.

Rishabh Pant finished the Test with 11 catches between his gloves to go past M.S. Dhoni (9) and then Wriddhiman Saha who had taken 10 earlier in the year against South Africa.

The second Test begins on Dec.14 at the new stadium in Perth. It will be followed by the third Test on Boxing Day in Melbourne and the series will end with the fourth Test in Sydney starting January 3, 2019.

BRIEF SCORES — India: 250 and 307 **beat Australia:** 235 and 291 by 31 runs.

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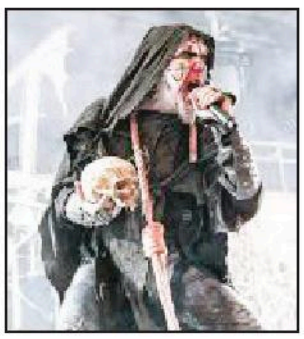
WORD OF THE DAY

Mayhem

Pronunciation: MAY-hem.



Meaning: Needless or willful damage or violence.

Origin: Legally speaking, mayhem refers to the gruesome crime of deliberately causing an injury that permanently disfigures another. The name derives via Middle English from the Anglo-French verb maheimer ("to maim") and is probably of Germanic origin; the English verb maim comes from the same ancestor. The disfigurement sense of mayhem first appeared in English in the 15th century. By the 19th century, the word had come to mean any kind of violent behaviour; nowadays, mayhem can be used to suggest any kind of chaos or disorder.

Example: There was mayhem in the streets during the citywide blackout."

THE ODD WORD

Minacious

Menacing or threatening.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

A different kettle of fish

Meaning: An alternative; a different thing altogether.

Origin: Of course a fish kettle isn't the kind of kettle you would use to make tea, it's just a fish saucepan - usually one large enough for a whole fish.

The expression 'a kettle of fish' means 'a mess'/'a muddle' and is often extended to 'a pretty/nice kettle of fish'. It means 'something different from the thing before'. For example, we might offer to have a friend stay for a few days but remark that a stay of a few months would be a different kettle of fish.

The expression dates from the late 19th century and was found most commonly in Scotland and the north of England (where fish kettles were and still are quite commonplace). This early citation comes from a report of a Parliamentary debate on the Irish question, in the Carlisle Patriot newspaper, June 1889.

Example: Playing for the reserve team is a totally different kettle of fish.

QUOTE BOX

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

1.
2. blame
3. blame

Answer: No one to blame.

SUDOKU

		1			9			
3	6							
7		8		4				3
			7	1		4		5
	7						6	
5		9		2	6			
6				7		2		1
							8	7
			5			3		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	4	3	1	5	9	7	8
3	7	8	6	2	9	4	1	5
1	5	9	7	8	4	6	2	3
2	6	3	8	4	1	7	5	9
4	8	1	9	5	7	2	3	6
5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8	4
8	1	5	4	9	2	3	6	7
9	3	2	5	7	6	8	4	1
7	4	6	1	3	8	5	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

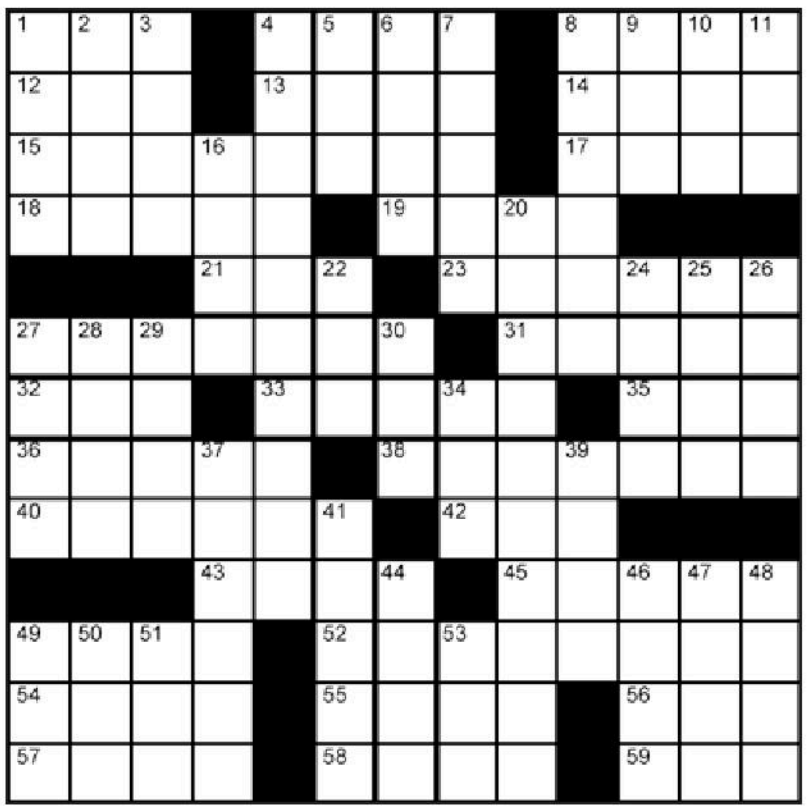
1 High Power Amplifier
4 Fen fuel
8 Small drink of spirits?
12 A facial feature
13 Biblical word
14 A roster of names listing duties
15 Eases the burden or becomes less dark
17 University city in Iowa
18 For the pudding it lies in the eating
19 Pertaining to the ear
21 Latin sun
23 Breathe in
27 Provided food, etc for a function
31 Capital of Jordan
32 American medical association, in short
33 Bruise, hurt or injury
35 Latin trio
36 ___ _ chance : dare ? (4,1)
38 Piece of good luck
40 ___ ___ nobis : pray for us, in Latin? (3,3)
42 A clever and amusing person
43 Betting price
45 Pipes for toothpaste?
49 French playground - "carp" anagram?
52 Drinking or absorbing
54 UP town
55 Europe's monetary unit
56 Commonly used insecticide
57 Shoots a marble - "swat" anagram?
58 ___ Laurel : Oliver Hardy's partner?
59 Curvy letter by the sound of it?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

G	U	R	U	■	A	L	U	M	■	R	O	D
E	V	E	S	■	T	U	T	U	■	I	W	O
R	E	M	U	N	E	R	A	T	I	O	N	S
M	A	O	R	I	■	K	H	E	R	■	■	■
■	■	■	E	S	T	■	■	S	K	I	F	F
■	■	F	O	R	E	A	R	M	■	S	O	R	E
H	E	M	■	I	N	A	I	R	■	N	E	E
S	T	I	R	■	G	A	L	A	H	A	D	■
D	A	T	U	M	■	■	■	D	N	A	■	■
■	■	■	N	I	P	A	■	D	R	O	O	P
I	R	R	E	C	O	V	E	R	A	B	L	E
I	A	C	■	A	L	O	E	■	S	O	I	L
I	O	C	■	H	O	W	L	■	S	L	O	T

DOWN

1 Aid, assistance or benefit
2 Duo or couple
3 Jason's ship
4 Propose or advance? (3,7)
5 Navigational dir.
6 __ __ time : never? (2,2)
7 Italian composer - "to sit" anagram
8 Liquid measure used in homeopathy etc.
9 Read-Only Memory
10 Had a meal
11 Pas' mates
16 Stockings
20 As well as (2,8)
22 Zodiac sign
24 Female friend from France?
25 Was in or assumed a sleeping posture?
26 "Dine" anagram for Ms. Blyton?
27 Roman statesman, soldier and writer?
28 ___, Akbar, Anthony : Bollywood superhit?
29 Currency of Bangladesh?
30 Used a fork or spade
34 At the present time
37 Periods, ages
39 Remnant of pencil or cigarette after use
41 Of Garfield's buddy
44 Small flake of soot
46 ___ one's time : await best opportunity?
47 Terminates
48 Army three-stripers in short?
49 Domesticated animal
50 One ___ _ time : singly (2,1)
51 Uncooked or green
53 Brassiere abbreviation?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DK'V XLLC EH LPWLADLCTL KJIK HNM TIC CLIARH IRZIHV LCUNH

KJDCYV DS HNM EIQL MW HNMA EDCB SDAERH KJIK HNM ZDRR

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Never believe anything until it has been officially denied.

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	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
The Villian	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chanranti	Olympia	2420737	1 Show
Victory-2	Olympia	2420737	3 Shows
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Tumbbad	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Extra Income	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Kavacham	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Subrahmanyapuram	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
2.0 (3D)	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
2.0 (2D)	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Mortal Engines	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows

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Kedarnath (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	5.05 pm, 7.30 pm
Mortal Engines (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Bhairava Geetha (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
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Kavacham (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mataash (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am
Possession of Hannah Grace (E)	(S-3)	12.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Next Enti (Te)	(S-3)	2.40 pm
Subrahmanyapuram (Te)	(S-4)	10.20 am
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Kedarnath (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 2.20 pm, 4.50 pm,
		7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
2.0 (3D-Ta)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 6.50 pm
2.0 (3D-H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Possession of Hannah Grace (E)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	10.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Subhalekha + Lu (Te)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Mortal Engines (E)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Mundina Badalavane (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Mataash (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Bhairava Geetha (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Kavacham (Te)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
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Kedarnath (H)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Orange (K)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Mortal Engines (E)	11.10 am, 5.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Mundina Badalaavane (K)	1.30 pm
Kavacham (Te)	4.15 pm
Bhairava Geetha (K)	10.00 pm

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Women achievers felicitated

Nonagenarian freedom fighter C.S. Mangalamma and writer Vijaya Shankar, who were felicitated during the Interaction Meet at Mysore Art Gallery in city on Saturday, are flanked by 'Kolalu' Editor and Publisher Sripadu (Mandya) and Gallery President L. Shivalingappa. Others seen are (standing from left) Gallery Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, senior teacher Y.G. Sharada, music teacher Bhavani Rao, S.G. Sitaram and theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba.

Mysuru, Dec.10 (PM&DM)- Two aged women achievers were felicitated at *'Sadhakarondige Samvada'*, a monthly interaction meet organised at Mysore Art Gallery on Ramanuja Road here on Dec.8.

Gamaka artiste and freedom fighter 93-year-old C.S. Mangalamma and Vijaya Shankar, a bilingual expert, were the ones who were felicitated at the interaction meet.

Speaking at the meet, freedom fighter C.S. Mangalamma said that although her mother tongue was Tamil, she always conversed in Kannada, as she has found home in *Kannada Nadu* and consume Cauvery water. Maintaining that she takes pride in saying that Kannada is her mother tongue, she said that she knew Telugu, Sanskrit and English, apart from Kannada and Tamil.

Recalling her days as a freedom fighter, she regretted that the present generation has failed to understand the spirit behind Freedom Struggle.

The other guest at the meet, Vijaya Shankar, a bi-lingual expert, said that she credits her mother for whatever she has learnt.

Recalling her student days when she used to take part in group discussions, she recounted an incident when she thought of stopping writing after a novel scripted by her was published in the name of someone else. But she continued to write after a well-wisher friend convinced her, she said and added that writing was always a pleasure for her.

Sripadu, Editor and Publisher of 'Kolalu,' Mandya, was the chief guest. Senior teacher Y.G. Sharada, music teacher Bhavani Rao and S.G. Sitaram were the special invitees.

Veteran Theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba, Mysore Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa, Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle and others were present.

PROFILE

Nonagenarian freedom fighter C.S. Mangalamma, is also a Gamaka artiste. She started a rehabilitation centre for the mentally retarded in city in 1995 and also founded Chetana Trust, aimed at serving rural population. A philanthropist, she has helped many girl students in their education. Also known for her writing skills, she has 12 works to her credit.

Writer Vijaya Shankar is a bi-lingual expert who is well-versed in Kannada and Telugu languages. She has translated many famous Kannada works to Telugu and vice-versa. After retirement from service as a teacher, she has continued her writing in Kannada and Telugu.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.10)

Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre: MyBuild Expo, exhibition of construction materials, equipment, state-of-art technologies and latest in Real Estate, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Mysuru: Exhibition on 'Nomads of India,' Prof. Pramode Kumar Misra, Anthropologist, President of the Anthropological Association, Mysuru, inaugurates, Prof. Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Director and Dilip Singh, (ITS) Joint Director, IGRMS Bhopal, Wellington House, Irwin Road, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Sri Bhagavad Gita Phalashruti' by Vid. Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Mahotsava-2018, discourse on 'Geeta Jnana - Yashasvi Jeevana' by BK Rashmi, #79, Swarnimabhavan, M-Block, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. Srimata Ramanand, accompanied by Vid. M.P. Aditya - Violin, Vid. R. Adamya - Mridanga and Vid. G. Lakshminarayan - Morching, Sangeetha Kalanidhi K.Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra: Srimadbhagavatha Discourse by Pandit Narasimhacharya Gore of Coimbatore, Kendra premises, Revenue Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.11)

Marimallappa PU College, Mysuru: Inter-College Competitions, College premises, **8.30 am onwards.**

Pramati Hill Academy and Nehru Planetarium, New Delhi [Mob: 90350-22432 or Ph: 0821- 4246666]: Workshop on 'Astronomy and Sky Watch titled 'Bapu Khagol Mela,' Pramati School premises, **11 am to 2 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm.**

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